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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT

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- 1. MODERATELY LEFTIST AFTERNOON DAILY DIARIO POPULAR (DP) IS FIRST NEWSPAPER TO PUBLISH COMPLETELY AND STRAIGHTFORWARDLY AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT MADE AND DISTRIBUTED AFTER HIS CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO ON MARCH 11 AND REPEATED MARCH 12 (REFTEL).
- 2. SAME PAPER ALSO PUBLISHED SAME DATE THAT EMB ADVISED IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY THAT AMBASSADOR HAD NO INVOLVEMENT IN MARCH 11 EVENTS, THAT AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN SATISFIED WITH SECURITY PROVIDED, THAT AMBASSADOR HAS NO PLANS TO LEAVE PORTUGAL.
- 3. DP ALSO STATED THAT SITUATION AT EMBASSY APPEARS NORMAL EXCEPT FOR SMALL CONTINGENT OF "SPECIAL NAVY TROOPS" OUTSIDE BUILDING.
- 4. BASED ON DP REPORTER'S VISIT TO EMBASSY MARCH 11, PAPER STATED THAT EMBASSY SERVICES WERE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS THERE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. COMMENT: DIARIO POPULAR IS SAME NEWSPAPER THAT HAS GIVEN
STRONG BOOST TO ANTI-CARLUCCI PRESS CAMPAIGN WITH REPRINT FROM
CHRETIEN TEMOIGNAGE STORY (SEPTEL) ALLEGING AMBASSADOR OKAYED
"SPINOLA'S COUP."
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